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I THOUGHT I WAS LEAVING MY LIFE
IN NIPPON BEHIND. I THOUGHT THE
WORLD MADE SENSE.

NEITHER WAS TRUE.
MY BROTHER WANTED
TO KILL ME, MY
FATHER WAS SLAIN BY
A MONSTER. PERHAPS
WORST OF ALL...

...HIS KILLER
DID NOT ACT
ALONE.



ADMIT
YOUR CRIME,
KICHIRO.

MY BROTHER OROCHI
HAD ALREADY DECIDED
ON MY GUILT.

THUMP



PLEASE,
BROTHER.
LISTEN TO
ME.

OUR FATHER WAS STOPPING AN
ASSASSIN. I WAS TOO LATE TO
HELP HIM BUT HE INSISTED
I WARN THE SHOGUN.



LIES!

I WAS WRONG
ABOUT
SOMETHING
ELSE, TOO.

THUD



LEAVE
US.

MY
"BROTHER"
AND I NEED
A MOMENT
ALONE.

IT WASN'T
THE SHOGUN
MY FATHER
WANTED ME
TO PROTECT.





...ALL I
KNOW IS
THEY WANTED
THE SHOGUN
DEAD...

AND YET THE
SHOGUN LIVES,
KICHIRO. BUT
NOT MY FATHER.
YOU SAW TO
THAT.
YOU COULDN'T
STAND TO SEE ME
BECOME SAMURAI
WHEN YOU
COULD NOT.



OPEN THIS
DOOR AT
ONCE.

FORGIVE ME,
MITSUKO. HE IS NOT
ALLOWED ANY
VISITORS. OROCHI
GAVE STRICT
INSTRUCTIONS.



THEY CALLED
HER RAVEN. *SHE*
KILLED OUR
FATHER.

ISAMU
RAISED YOU
BETTER THAN
THIS, KICHIRO.
YOU HAVE NO
HONOR.



MY FATHER ASKED
THAT I QUESTION
KICHIRO ON HIS
BEHALF.

NOW STAND ASIDE,
OR WOULD YOU
RATHER I DISTURB
THE SHOGUN IN
HIS TIME OF
MOURNING?




LEAVE
HIM BE,
OROCHI.

THIS IS NO
CONCERN OF
YOURS.



I AM NOT ASKING AS
YOUR FUTURE WIFE. I AM
ASKING AS THE SHOGUN'S
DAUGHTER.

YOU MAY COMMAND
THE IMPERIAL GUARD,
BUT YOU ARE NOT
YET SHOGUN.



TELL HIM
GOODBYE,
MITSUKO. YOU
WILL NOT HAVE
ANOTHER
CHANCE.



I'M
SORRY TO
PUT YOU
THROUGH
THIS.

WHY DOES
NO ONE SEE YOUR
INNOCENCE? I KNOW
YOU WOULD DIE
BEFORE YOU LET ANY
HARM COME TO ISAMU,
BUT THAT IS EXACTLY
WHAT WILL COME TO
PASS IF OROCHI
HAS HIS WAY.

NONE OF THIS
MAKES SENSE,
KICHIRO. WHAT
REASON WOULD
AN ASSASSIN
HAVE TO KILL
YOUR FATHER?

HE WAS ONLY
DOING WHAT HE
WAS TRAINED
FOR. HE WASN'T
THE TARGET.

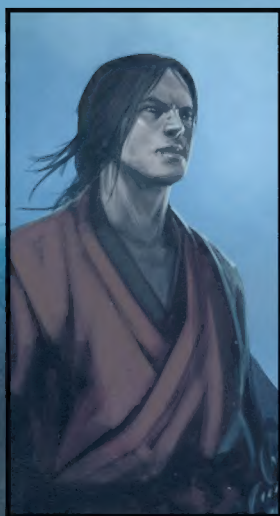




WE... CAN DO NO SUCH THING. I AM A DOOMED MAN. MY FUTURE HOLDS ONLY DEATH, BY MY OWN HAND OR MY BROTHER'S.

THAT IS MY FATE, BUT I TRULY HOPE AFTER I'M GONE OROCHI WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR HIS DAIMYO AND YOUR FATHER'S EMPIRE.





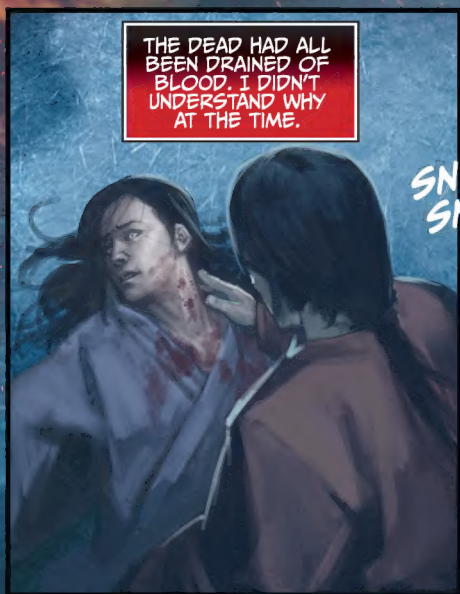
MITSUKO USED
HER POWERS OF
PERSUASION TO
FREE ME.

TRAVELING ON
FOOT WAS THE
BEST WAY TO
CONCEAL MY
ESCAPE.



THE FLAMES
COULD HAVE
MEANT
ANYTHING.

I KNEW THE BODIES
ONLY MEANT THE THINGS
I FACED IN THE BEER
HALL WERE GETTING
CLOSER TO EDO.



THE DEAD HAD ALL
BEEN DRAINED OF
BLOOD. I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND WHY
AT THE TIME.

SNIFF
SNIFF



IN MY BLACKEST
DREAMS I NEVER
IMAGINED ANYTHING
SO GROTESQUE.





IT TURNED TO
STONE AND DUST
JUST LIKE THE
AKUMA WHO
ATTACKED THE
BEER HALL.



I DID NOT KNOW
WHAT BROUGHT
THESE DEMONS
TO MY HOME,
ONLY THAT THEY
NEEDED TO BE
STOPPED...



...AND I WOULD DO
EVERYTHING IN MY
POWER TO STOP THEM.

Imperial Palace

"YOUR MEDDLING
BRINGS GREAT
DISGRACE, MITSUKO."

MY
DAUGHTER, THE
CRIMINAL...

WHEN YOU
ARE MARRIED
TO OROCHI YOU
WILL RULE AT HIS
SIDE, AND YOUR
ACTIONS WILL
HAVE EVEN
GREATER
CONSEQUENCES
THAN THEY
DO NOW.

FATHER, YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND
THE DANGER YOU'RE
IN. HE WOULD NOT
LIE TO ME. KICHIRO
SAID TH--

KICHIRO IS A
MURDERER!

ISAMU WAS
MY FRIEND.
MORE THAN
THAT, I TRUSTED
HIM WITH MY
LIFE.

I DO NOT
TRUST THE
WORD OF
A MAN WHO
KILLS HIS
OWN FATHER
IN COLD
BLOOD.

I LOVE
YOU MORE THAN
NIPPON ITSELF,
BUT THE TIME HAS
COME FOR YOU
TO PUT OUR
PEOPLE AHEAD
OF YOURSELF.
YOU WILL LEARN
YOUR PLACE.

WHEN OROCHI
RETURNS, WE
WILL PROCEED
WITH THE
WEDDING.

RETURNS
FROM
WHERE?

I SENT HIM
AND HIS MEN
AFTER KICHIRO.
ISAMU WILL HAVE
HIS JUSTICE SOON
ENOUGH.



THE SUN HAD
WASHED THE
LAST BEAST
AWAY.

I WORRIED
THE DARKNESS
HELD MORE
HORRORS.

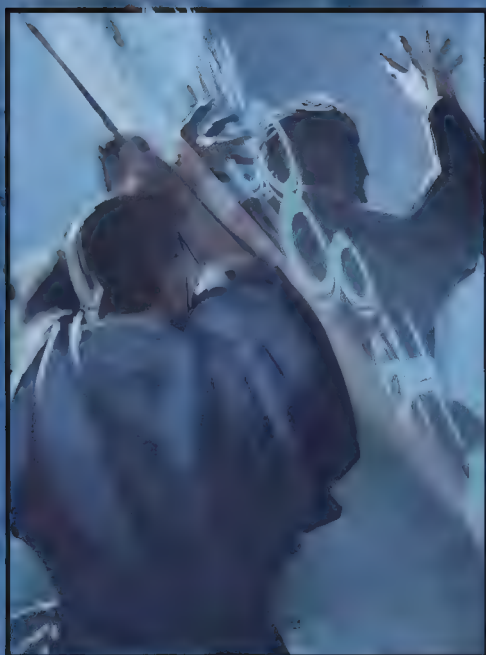
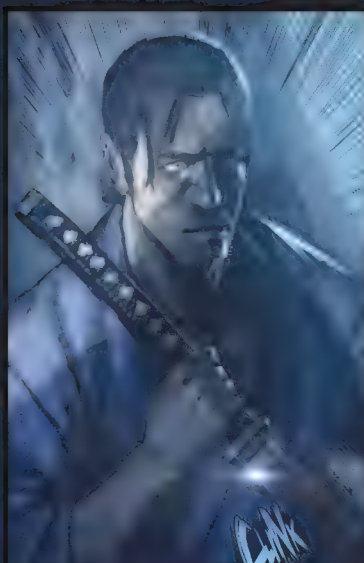
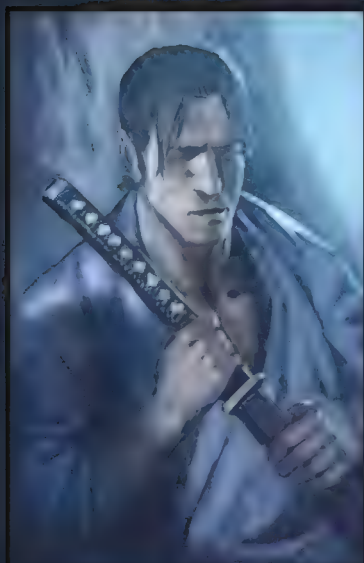
OROCHI AND
HIS MEN WERE
HUNTING, BUT
NOT FOR
AKUMA.

THIS DAY
THEIR TARGET
WAS ME.

WE'LL REST
HERE FOR THE
NIGHT. EVEN MY
FATHER COULD
NOT TRACK
HIM IN THE
DARKNESS.

I WORRIED OROCHI
WOULD STOP FOR
NOTHING, BUT HIS
PRUDENCE ALLOWED
ME SOME MUCH
NEEDED REST.

SADLY, IT
WOULD
NOT LAST.





IT'S LIKE YOU SAMURAI DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW TO FIGHT.



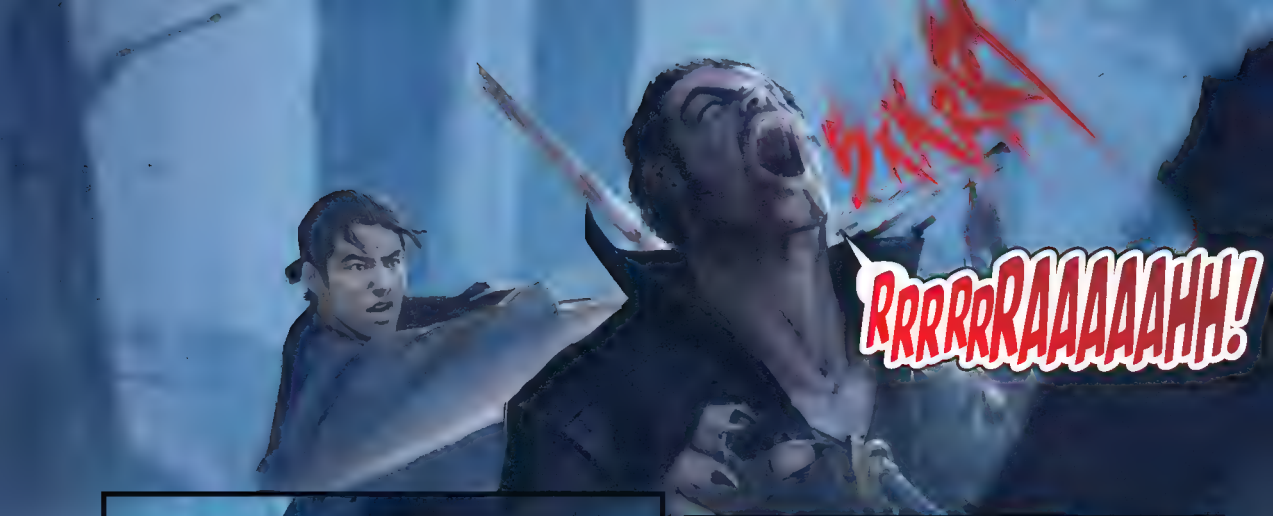
ORÓCHI HAD NEVER SEEN EVIL.



WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

GLAARRGGH!

CRUNCH



RRRRRRRAAAAAHH!



THAM

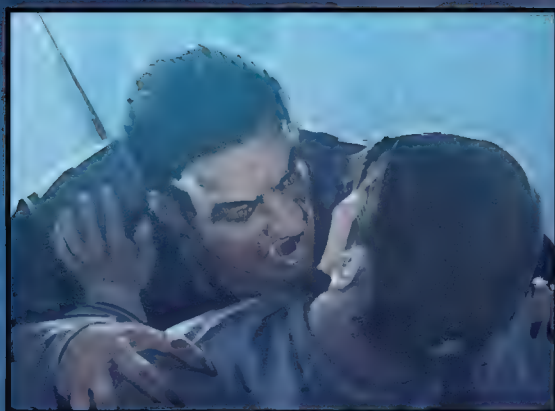


AHN.

SWACK



I HAVEN'T
EATEN SINCE
WE GOT HERE.
NEEDLESS TO
SAY, I'M GOING
TO ENJOY
THIS.



OROCHI!



KICHIRO IS
HELPING. LET
US FIRST GET
OUT OF THIS
ALIVE.

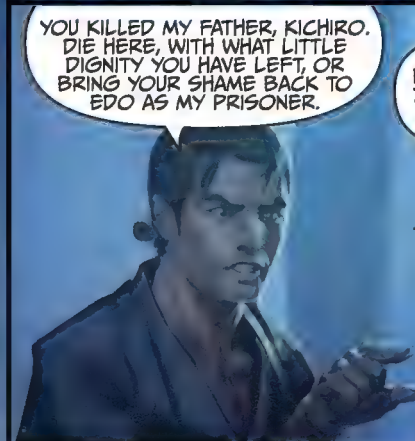




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NO MORE...



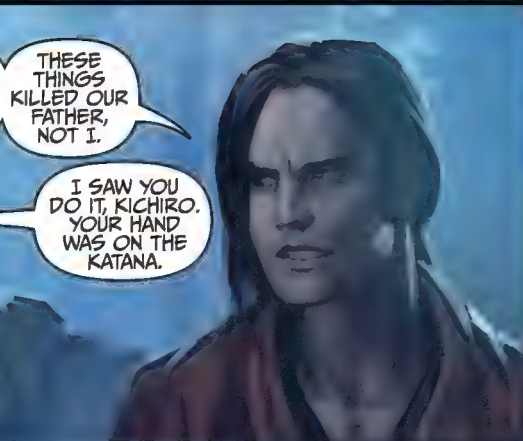
THIS WAS
THE LAST OF
THEM.



YOU KILLED MY FATHER, KICHIRO.
DIE HERE, WITH WHAT LITTLE
DIGNITY YOU HAVE LEFT, OR
BRING YOUR SHAME BACK TO
EDO AS MY PRISONER.

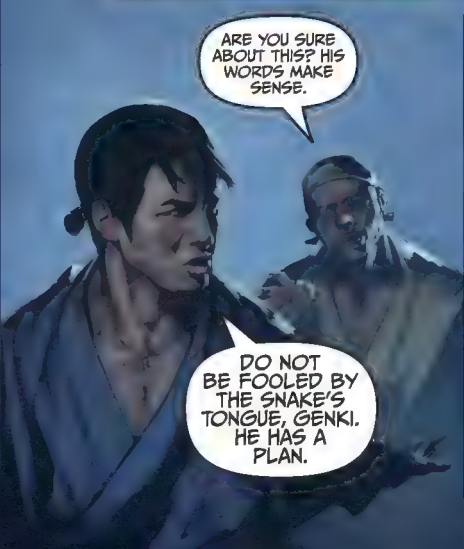


ARE YOU
BLIND, BROTHER?
THIS IS WHAT I'VE
BEEN TRYING TO
TELL YOU.



THESE
THINGS
KILLED OUR
FATHER,
NOT I.

I SAW YOU
DO IT, KICHIRO.
YOUR HAND
WAS ON THE
KATANA.



ARE YOU SURE
ABOUT THIS? HIS
WORDS MAKE
SENSE.

DO NOT
BE FOOLED BY
THE SNAKE'S
TONGUE, GENKI.
HE HAS A
PLAN.



OROCHI. BROTHER. I
KNOW YOU DON'T
TRUST ME, AND THAT
YOUR RAGE BLINDS
YOU FROM THE TRUTH.
I ASK ONLY FOR
ONE THING.

TAKE ME TO THE
SHOGUN. YOU, GENKI, AND
I WILL TELL HIM WHAT WE
SAW HERE TONIGHT. I WILL
TELL HIM MY STORY.

IF HE DECIDES
I AM TO DIE, SO BE IT. I
WILL ABIDE. BUT AT LEAST
I'LL HAVE WARNED HIM
WHAT THESE ONI HAVE
PLANNED.

DO NOT LET YOUR
CLOUDED JUDGMENT
BE THE REASON
NIPPON FALLS.



OROCHI HONORED
PART OF MY
REQUEST. HE TOOK
ME BACK TO EDO.

BUT HE DID NOT
YET BELIEVE ME.



YOU'RE
NOT TAKING
ME TO THE
EMPEROR.

YOU WILL
NOT DIE THIS DAY,
KICHIRO. TODAY IS
A CELEBRATION. A
WEDDING.



THE LAST
THING YOU SEE
BEFORE YOU
DIE WILL BE ME,
MARRYING
MITSUKO.

YOU TOOK AWAY
MY FATHER. I WILL
TAKE AWAY WHAT
YOU LOVE.



OROCHI, PLEASE! DOUBLE THE
GUARDS AT THE WEDDING. IF
THOSE THINGS MAKE IT INSIDE
THE WALLS...

PROMISE
ME YOU'LL
DOUBLE THE
GUARDS.



ARE YOU
SURE WE'RE
DOING THE
RIGHT
THING?

WOULD
YOU HAVE
QUESTIONED
MY FATHER?

THE MURDERER
WILL PAY. THIS IS
JUSTICE.



I HAD NEVER SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE. THEN AGAIN, IT WASN'T EVERY DAY THE SHOGUN'S DAUGHTER MARRIED THE MAN WHO WOULD SUCCEED HER FATHER.

DESPITE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL PRIDE FOR MY BROTHER.



OROCHI WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT SHOGUN.



AND HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF MITSUKO WHEN I COULD NOT.



OROCHI.

WE ARE NOT DOUBLING THE GUARDS. MY MEN ARE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF HAN--

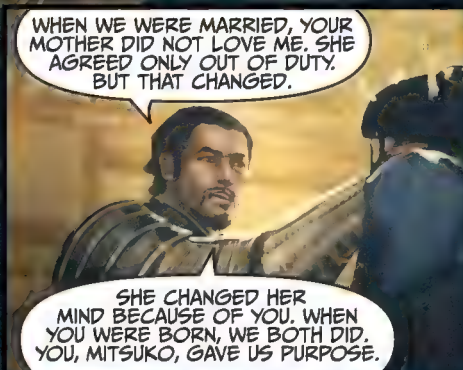
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO SAY.



FATHER WOULD BE PROUD OF YOU.

AND SO AM I.







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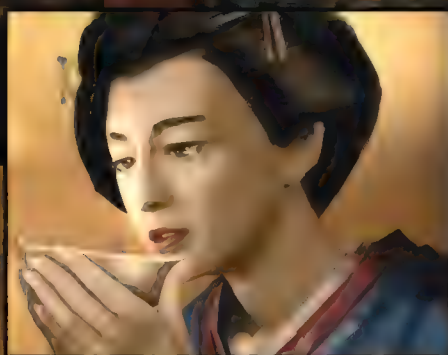
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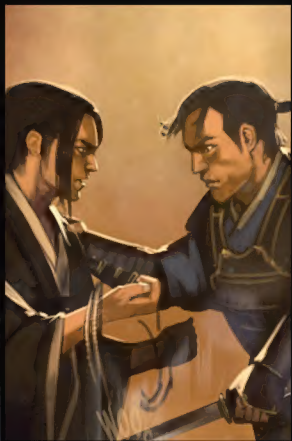
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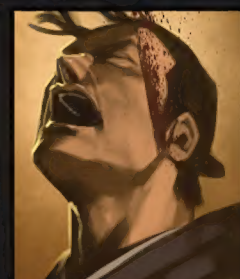
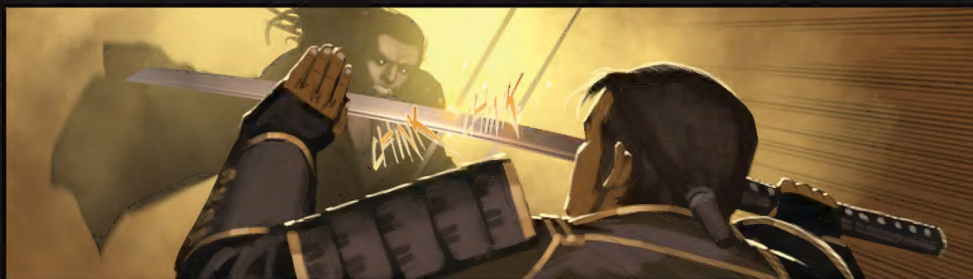
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DARKNESS

